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New Australian Government Has A Majority Of 31

"VERY HEAVY DEFEAT" OF LABOUR PARTY

Melbourne, Dec. 11.—The anti-Socialist Coalition claimed tonight to have "very heavily defeated" the Chifley Government. Thus, in a second British Commonwealth election within a fortnight, a Labour Government has been thrown out. The first was New Zealand. The claim was made by the Australian Liberal leader, Mr Robert Gordon Menzies, who is Prime Minister-designate.

The latest estimates placed the likely majority of his Liberal-Country Party Coalition at 31 in a House of Representatives with 121 voting members.

Though the final voting figures will not be known for some days, it was expected that the present position—Coalition 75 seats, Labour 44, two doubtful—would be little changed.

The figures for the cities and big industrial areas were complete when the vote counting closed tonight. Time was needed to collect the votes in remote areas.

Political observers in Canberra, the Australian Federal capital, thought it unlikely that Mr Joseph B. Chifley would lead his party in another election campaign. He is expected to be at his desk in the capital tomorrow to complete the arrangements for transferring power to the Coalition.

It is thought that Mr Menzies will need at least a week to form his Government. In the meantime, the defeated Labour Government will continue on a caretaker Administration.

MENZIES OR CASEY

Observers expect Mr Chifley to call on the Governor-General of Australia, Mr W. J. McKell, tomorrow to advise him formally that he no longer retains control of Parliament and to tender his resignation.

Mr Menzies may take over the External Affairs Ministry himself or he may feel the increasing travel obligations of a Foreign Minister should not be undertaken by a Prime Minister.

Mr R. G. Casey, wartime member of the British Cabinet, is being quoted as a likely Foreign Minister if Mr Menzies decides against taking the portfolio himself.

In Sydney tonight, the President of the Australian Communist Party, Mr R. Dixon, said that the Party would continue its work underground if it were

outlawed by the new Government.

He was commenting on the pledge of the victorious Coalition to declare the Communist Party illegal.

"We will carry on our work whether in the conditions of legality or illegality," Mr Dixon added.

Mr Menzies must know, he said, that the banning of the Communist Party would not be acceptable to the trade union movement and that unions would resist such an action.

The political correspondent of the Melbourne Sun today predicted early legislation by the new Government to outlaw the Party. The Sun also reported that there had been indications in Sydney in recent months that the Communist Party had made plans to "go underground" if necessary.

The Communist Party sold its Sydney headquarters and have moved secret membership lists, important files and other documents to scattered hiding places, the newspaper said.

WORLD REACTION

World reaction to the Australian election was reported by Reuters correspondents as follows:

New York:—American political writers believed the swing away from Labour indicated that a similar trend was likely in the British election next year in Moscow.—The official Soviet news agency, Tass, reported the election result without comment (Continued on Page 8)

THE SAME OLD FEET



Errett Mills, 60, smiled and meant it. Both of his feet were severed in a power-saw accident on October 8. He told doctors he wanted to die but they wouldn't listen. Instead they performed a daring operation at Louisville, Ky., that rejoined feet and legs at the ankle. The surgery has been termed a complete success.—AP Picture.

How Two U.S. Seamen Were Shanghaied By Korean Communists

Seoul, Dec. 11.—Two American seamen shanghaied by a mutinous crew were released today by the North Korean Communists who had held them prisoner for 80 days on a diet so poor even their guards became worried.

Captain Alfred Meschter and chief engineer Albert Willis crossed the 38th parallel separating Communist-controlled North Korea and the Southern Korean Republic at 3.30 p.m.

Meschter and Willis were aboard the vessel, Kimball R. Smith, when its crew mutinied and sailed for a North Korean port on September 22. They were employed by the Economic Co-operation Administration as advisers to the South Korean Republic. They appeared happy and well-fed, but said that at one period of their confinement they grew so thin from lack of food that the guards became worried. Then the food improved.

Meschter and Willis told press correspondents their story during a two-hour train ride to Seoul. They said the Korean captain and the chief engineer of the Kimball Smith on which they were aboard as ECA advisers were among the six ringleaders of the Communist cell which took over the ship and sailed it north.

Willis was captured and bound 10 minutes before Meschter when the crew entered him into the engine room by reporting mechanical trouble. Meschter was taken in his cabin by armed crewmen.

LONG INTERROGATION

They said they were heavily interrogated by the North Korean officials and allowed little sleep for three nights after they arrived at Chinnampo, major North Korean port, on September 22. They refused to give the details of the interrogation. They said only that it concerned the "affairs of the vessel."

Most of the examinations were conducted by what they called the "North Korean NKVD." They said they were allowed to keep Meschter's personal radio for the first two and a half weeks and allowed to listen to short wave newscasts. They said the first news they heard of their incident was when a United States protest was filed through the Soviet Union. They said "we filed our own protest—one with the North Korean government, protesting against the prolonged detainment, and another to the Russian Embassy in Pyongyang."

Three days later, they said, they received a visit from a "No. 1 man" who told them they would be released. But instead they had their radio and other gear taken from them and were moved to new quarters.

Death Of "Tigon"

Manchester, Dec. 11.—Britain's only "Tigon" (the offspring of a tiger and a lioness) has died at the age of 17 in a zoo here after catching a chill. There are now believed to be only two tigers in this world.—Reuters.

U.S. RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA IN 6 MONTHS LIKELY

Far Eastern Policy May Become Political Issue

Washington, Dec. 11.—Administration leaders realise that they cannot postpone indefinitely the decision on the recognition of Communist China. The informed consensus is that recognition of the Chinese Communist regime will take place within six months at the latest.

However, the State Department and other official agencies here feel that they have compelling reasons for adopting a very cautious attitude in this matter.

They feel it is up to the Chinese Communists to give some evidence of their willingness to assume international obligations and protect nationals of foreign powers before they can be considered to have fulfilled the basic requirements for recognition.

Administration leaders want to test the Congressional temper when the legislators reconvene in January before making any further decisions on Far Eastern policy. This latter factor appears to weigh more heavily in determining the State Department's "go slow" attitude with respect to Communist China than has been generally credited.

There are indications that the Administration's Far Eastern policy may erupt into a full scale domestic political issue when the Congress reconvenes. Those legislators who contend that the United States should continue backing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Nationalist Government despite the march of events in the Orient appear to have given no ground in recent weeks. This attitude was highlighted by the recent visit to China of Senator William Knowland, California Republican, who reiterated his belief that Chiang could win if he was given adequate American assistance.

Surveys in Washington show that about 25 of the Senate's 99 members share Senator Knowland's views to some extent; among them is the ranking minority member of the Foreign Relations Committee, Republican Senator Arthur Vandenberg. In the House of Representatives there is a very vocal group led by Rep. Walter Judd, Minnesota Republican, who has not retreated from his position calling for heavy American aid to Chiang and non-recognition of the Chinese Communists.

OFFICIALS CAUTIOUS

Faced with this Congressional sentiment, Administration officials are understandably cautious in approaching the problem of recognition. Where they would prefer to keep the British Commonwealth nations and other countries delay recognition until all Western nations can act in concert, they are resigned to the fact that this probably will not occur.

However, officials stress that the Indian, Belgian and other recognition will not be allowed to force the Americans' hands. From the standpoint of the overall American policy the planners' stakes in the global game are too high. They realise that if they recognize Communist China without general Congressional sanction it may well crack the bi-partisan policy front on European Middle Eastern affairs and lead to the scuttling of American aid programmes designed to contain the Communists in the West.

Administration officials, and their major difficulty, so far as the American public opinion is concerned, in resisting pressure efforts to force the State Department's hands in various aspects of the Chinese situation.

Suggestions such as those that the United States Navy blockade the coast of Communist China; send troops to Formosa; against the Communists or land marines to rescue the surviving Americans in the area have not been taken seriously by any responsible government official. However, they represent constant irritants in the situation.

Officials feel that any of the foregoing actions would play directly into Communist hands.

Cyprus Turks Want British Rule

Nicosia, Dec. 11.—A meeting of Turks in Cyprus today passed a resolution urging that the island's defence and security could only be safeguarded by Britain.

Large crowds cried: "Down with Enosis" (Union with Greece), and "We want Britain to stay."

The resolution declaring that Enosis would lead to civil war and economic ruin has been cabled to the United Nations, to Mr Ernest Bevin, to the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr Necmeddin Sadak, and to the Governor of Cyprus, Sir Andrew Buxton.

The meeting was called to protest against the Cyprus Holy Synod's decision to organise "a peaceful battle" for Enosis by a plebiscite. About 310,000 of the island's 450,000 inhabitants belong to the Greek Orthodox Church. There are about 80,000 Moslems.—Reuters.

Latest Disclosures In Bulgarian Spy Trial

Sofia, Dec. 11.—At today's sitting of the Bulgarian spy trial, Lazar Popovski—a former editor and before the war an important figure in Bulgarian politics—testified that a British Intelligence man predicted Yugoslavia's split with the Soviet Union.

Popovski said that in 1945, when he was Bulgarian Consul-General in Istanbul, he gave a visa to an Englishman named "Billy Watson" who had been a British representative in the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Varna before the war.

Watson, he said, was identified to him later by Nikolai Petkov, Bulgarian Opposition leader executed for treason in 1947, as "one of the chief British Intelligence men in the Balkans."

In February, 1948, Watson had predicted to him that events then "coming to a head" in Yugoslavia would split off Yugoslavia from the Soviet Union and this would be followed by a serious split also in Bulgaria and other countries.

(The Yugoslav-Soviet split occurred in the summer of 1948).

SEIZURE PLAN

Two prosecution witnesses told the Court today that Yugoslavia had planned to take over Greek Macedonia with Salonika as capital at the end of 1944.

Kasab Stolechev and Georgi Madochev, both Bulgarian Macedonians, testified that in 1944 General Vukobratovic Templo told Marshal Tito's emissary that Macedonia had begun to organise a brigade of Macedonians to go to Greece under the command of General Apogolaki, a Yugoslav Communist leader.

The seizure plan was also stated to have included annexation of the Bulgarian part of Macedonia, known as the Pirin region, and the unification of Macedonia within the frontiers of Yugoslavia.—Reuters.

Angus Ward Goes Aboard American Rescue Ship

Aboard Lakeland Victory, off Taku Bar, Dec. 12.—Mr Angus Ward boarded this American freighter at 7.20 a.m. today (Monday).

The tugboat bearing the American consul general to this evacuation ship had been long overdue and it was earlier feared that he and his party had again been detained by the Chinese Communists.

The anxious consul and newsman aboard the Lakeland Victory waited throughout the frigid, wind-swept night and as dawn approached the tugboat ferry from Tientsin and Taku still had not been sighted.

There was no flurry of excitement aboard the ship at 10 o'clock last night when a tug drawing a barge drew up alongside the ship, but it was a false alarm and the American party was not aboard.

Men aboard the Lakeland were speculating whether Mr Ward's signal broken down on the 50-mile trip from Tientsin or the Communists had, for some reason, again delayed his departure from China.

(The radio message to San Francisco from the Lakeland Victory, reporting that Mr Ward had boarded the ship, was accompanied by natural interference with radio communications, which made reception spotty and there were no further details.)—United Press.

BAD ATMOSPHERICS

San Francisco, December 11.—Fading radio communications between the Lakeland Victory and her home port of San Francisco today added to the mystery concerning Consul General Angus Ward and his party.

Radio signals from the lone operator aboard the Lakeland Victory faded steadily during the day and at 8 p.m. GMT, commercial radio companies in San Francisco announced total failure as an atmospheric interference with radio communications, which made reception spotty and there were no further details.—United Press.

STOP PRESS No Renewal Of Wharf Leases

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company have been notified by Government that they are not to expect a renewal of the leases on wharves and piers which expire on December 31 of this year.

This was revealed by Mr Li Tse-fong, Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Company this morning.

He added, however, they have been invited to apply for a permit to use the properties for a determinable period will receive a favourable consideration.

Mr Li Tse-fong also disclosed that the profit on working for the year amounted to \$176,871, while the net profit was \$69,220.

EDITORIAL

Traffic And Silent Zones

THE silent zones and pedestrian right of way schemes have now been in operation for a week, and in the main they can be rated as successful. Motorists, in particular, have been quick to adapt themselves to the regulations, and the relative quietness of the city is heavenly for office workers and residents of hotels. If, in the first two or three days, there was a slowing up of vehicular traffic, especially through Queen's Road, this, later last week, was largely corrected due principally to the more efficient handling of all types of traffic by police on point duty, and also to a more intelligent use of their rights of way by pedestrians. Perhaps the most striking feature of the new control system is that there has been no increase in the accident rate within the city areas. This goes a long way towards justifying the experiment; had there been an alarming increase in accidents, the scheme would have condemned itself. Full credit must be given to the Police for the patient and courteous way in which they have helped the public to understand and respect the new traffic regulations. Pedestrians, however, can still co-operate to a greater extent and thus facilitate the smoother movement of traffic—far too many are too impatient to cross the road and ignore the signals of the point duty men. They have been given a considerable amount of latitude during the past six days, but the Police would be quite entitled, from now on, to make an example of a few of these people who apparently care for neither rules of the road nor the rights of others. The effectiveness of the silent zone is undeniable and completely vindicates the con-

victions of those who so long ago urged the adoption of this system. The flow of vehicular traffic through the main city streets today does, in fact, prove once and for all that car horns and hooters are entirely unnecessary once a rational method of traffic control operates. The introduction of night time silent zone areas in Kowloon is also demonstrating its value; although, ironically enough, it is not tooing vehicles that disturb the peace of the residents in those districts; the real offenders are those inconsiderate inhabitants who play mah jong half the night without making the slightest attempt to mute the noise of the playing tiles on hardwood tables. And the night hawkers who wall their wares cause more loss of sleep than the occasional motor car sounding its hooter. The difficulty of dealing with the anti-social mah jong flenda is that it is necessary to prove in court that they are creating a public nuisance; it is a tedious, and not always successful process. It is hardly feasible to give the Police arbitrary powers of prosecution, although much of this nuisance might be abated if the Police were entitled to issue a warning and then, if the party continued to cause a disturbance through making unnecessary noise, to serve a summons. Too many residential areas are plagued by noisy late-night mah jong schools, in comparison with which the sounds of motor-car horns are innocuous. The Police might well make a further study of this problem which affects a large number of quiet-living law-abiding citizens in a number of residential areas, both on the mainland and the island.

Attempt To Iron Out German Problems By Informal Discussions

Paris, Dec. 11.—Some British, French and German delegates to the two-day international Socialist conference here today slipped into an adjoining room to iron out German problems.

A communiqué issued said that the statesmen discussed mainly the Ruhr and had decided to hold further talks of this kind.

The principal bone of contention, conference circles said, was the Ruhr Authority which was set up by Article 18 of the Ruhr Statute, signed last December by France, Britain, the United States and the Benelux countries. For security reasons this Authority has total control over prices, competition, trading practices and so on.

The French and British representatives both stressed that German fears of this Authority were merely hypothetical and that both the Labour Party and the French Socialists would go into the question if the fears ever became real.

The next meeting on Ruhr problems was fixed for early in 1950, probably in Germany.

M. Grumbach said after today's talks that dismantling was hardly touched upon as the Bonn Agreement had fairly well completed on both sides of the Rhine.

The memorandum sent last July by the German Socialists to the British Labour Party in protest against the Western Allies' dismantling policy is now out of date and the German side is anxious to attack it, he said.

The delegates agreed that it was desirable that the Bonn Agreement between West Germany and the Allies should be ratified by the West German Parliament.—Reuters.

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WOMANSENSE

It's Thanksgiving



In the new United States Air Force's evening kit, “I guess it is the only one in London,” Brigadier-General John B. Ackerman has a Thanksgiving drink with his wife. Right note the pearl hair ornament of Mrs. Lawrence Kent, of New York.

Paris Goes For Berets

Small shapes with slight irregularities that are created for easy wearing are points in an imported collection presented by a New York house. These French hats, together with trimmings, were selected by the firm's designer, Robert Green, who returned recently from Europe.

Trimming are exceedingly simple in these hats, some of which are said to have been especially designed for this house. Legroux shows a side-draped hat of white faille, an irregular cushioned effect, a narrow and high in contour at front, trimmed with a self bow. There is a third hat from this house which is effective, a pillbox with a contour of padded scallops.

Berets Seen

Some hats are with the slightly peaked crown seamed in curves from the tip, and with a slightly dipped cushion brim, trimmed with two quills. Several models suggest beret form, with a double equestrian shape with quills. One hat contributes a sideswept brim with point on one side, to point up the sweep of the brim. Another very simple hat is a beret made of jersey, with a puffy feeling to the high side. Extensions over the ear are characteristic.

Trimming include lush American beauty roses in silk which Dior is said to be using; chintilly lace as trimming for straw, or for entire hats for current theatre wear. Also for evening are crocheted small berets, solidly covered with sequins in white, gold or copper.

—(London Express Service)

SOME PARIS SHADES

PARIS. Dark browns register strongly in the Molyneux mid-season collection. Among the smartest is a tailored suit with matching topcoat in dark brown worsted mixture. This coat is classically tailored, except that it has deep armholes, and the back half-hat is elongated to accommodate the widely flaring back.

Brown so dark it is almost black is used for an afternoon dress of simple crepe satin, while another tailored style is dressed up by the fabric, which is a big Louis Quatorze upholstery pattern in dark brown satin damask.

Colour Combination

Pretty colour combinations are also stressed as a full-skirted dress of a fabric like tulle with rustic stripes; this is in shot dark wine red and black, and is accompanied by a closely fitting cap of pale blue tulle. A blonde mannequin wears a double-lined tulle debutante frock in blue with a deep pink sash and corsage flowers while a “similar” gown in reverse colours is worn by the brunette model.

Some clothes are full-skirted, most of them for daytime and pencil skirts and evening lengths continue to vary from trailing to above-ankle, with many dipping at back.

There are several daytime dresses in most of them are around styles trimmed with buttons and semi-detached panels. A couple of jacket ensembles suggest a lower waistline by catching the back flare under a low-placed halfbelt.



London Express Service.

Short Formals Bring Out Hose Glamour

THE short evening dress brings evening hosiery into view after more than a decade of long formal dresses, which hid legs and hosiery fashions. Certainly this is one of the most significant fashion changes in many seasons to present an opportunity for dramatizing and creating new hosiery styles and colours for formal wear.

Irregular hemlines direct the eye ankle-ward and focuses attention to the leg. Why not use the irregular hem which dips in back to go with new stockings with jewelled front edges? This type of hemline lends itself to crisp fabrics in dark tones such as black or dark brown tulle, red or green brocade. Show off black or pink toned hosiery in green cast tulle or tulle to play on the blended hem-to-toe look.

The sheath... hugs the silhouette of the body and clings sleekly to the leg and attracts attention to high wrapped open sandals. This is the skirt and shoe combination to use in displaying sandal foot hosiery. Seamless hosiery for the short evening dress... the fact that there are no seams to twist on the dance floor is another hosiery type for this costume.

Evening Coat Returns

The evening coat returns... in shimmering, satin just long enough to cover the hem of the short evening dress. It is suggested to wear with pale skin toned hosiery with a delicate lace clock and matching satin pumps.

Lace... evening dresses are very strong this season. One of the most popular types is shown with fullness below the hip. Lace evening dresses are in metallic shot black and deep brown and the very palest of pinks and white. Pale grey is another, noteworthy shade, in lace. Very new to wear with black lace costumes and crocodile or lace or gold link pumps is the new black heeled crocodile.

With pastel laces wear the lightest of flesh shades in evening hose or soft skin tones tinged with a blending pastel.

THE PRINCESS'S HAT STOLE THE SHOW

PRINCESS MARGARET went to a hat show of models by London designers and her low hat attracted as much attention as the ones on show.

The Princess appeared in black for the first time and her felt hat, had a cascade of ermine falling over the front.

Her coat was of black velvet, and the front of her hat was also in velvet lined with white.



Teaching The Young Child To Shoulder Responsibility

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

I KNOW a young mother of three children 7, 5 and 3, who lets them do many things. The older ones bake and cook all sorts of simple foods. While visiting with us last summer I observed some of their accomplishments. Several times when the youngest, 3, spilled some liquid at the table he got down and, of his own accord, went to the kitchen, got a cloth and wiped it up. Usually the older two were allowed to serve themselves for a second helping when food was passed. Even the youngest could do pretty well at this.

A certain mother writes: “She is two and a half years old and her pet is a goldfish which her grandmother gave her. It kept in a small bowl by itself, as it kills every other fish that is put in with it.

“Lynda has fed this fish ever since we got it, three months ago. When I clean the bowl she insists on changing the fish to another dish while I wash the bowl; and back, when I'm finished.

“We cannot have other pets where we live but she loves all animals and hopes to live where she can have more of them before too long.”

Self-Help Encouraged

In the modern nursery school, kindergarten and primary grades, young children are encouraged in self-help and responsibility. Often there are plants and pets in the schoolroom and a child is chosen (usually by the other children) to care for the plants or pets for a certain number of days. This chosen child nearly always takes the responsibility seriously. Indeed, the other children are quick to remind him of any negligence.

Gradually, in recent years, on up through the grades and high school there has been growing responsibility practices in delegated responsibilities, though the older child does not always take to bearing such responsibilities as he should. It seems that as the child grows older he gets less satisfaction from shouldering responsibility at school or anywhere else. Yet we would like to believe he would grow in this direction. Perhaps his teachers and parents have been less vigilant in these matters. Then, too, there appears to be many ways for a child in the upper grades and high school to escape delegated or assigned responsibilities.

A test of the child's dependability comes in the many out-of-class activities which are somewhat voluntary, as in re-

hearsals for a public programme, connected with the school, club or the like. Leaders of junior church choirs, scout camp fire girls and the like constantly face this problem and they often wish they had more help from the teachers and parents in these matters.

Small & Great

We parents should be greatly concerned. We should do our best to see that the child can be depended on for responsibilities he has assumed, and the less glamorous the responsibility the more easily he can do it. The more we should strive to make the child dependable. All of us who deal with children should aim to get over in these children a strong urge to fulfill the great principle: “Be that is faithful in that which is least will also be faithful in that which is great.”

SMART COAT FASHIONS



The lady in red this season is apt to find many counter parts, since red is one of the high colours of the season. Linton tweed in bright red makes this very smart coat which uses the popular combination of red and black, with a black velvet collar that tops the high-placed sleeves. The double-breasted closing has black-edged red buttons. Semi-dolman sleeve tapers to narrow wrists with buttoned closing. Tabs from the seaming that shapes the waist conceal the pockets. The hipline is rounded and the coat skirt is full.



Mid-winter Choice

LINEN blouses are a wonderful choice for mid-winter. Fresh linen blouses can brighten up winter suits—and their washability is an important point. New mid-winter linens come in a wide range of colours—from the high shades into the neutrals and white. And they are given full-blouse detailing. The allover tucks, sleeveless lines are all interpreted in this fabric. These blouses can go right on into spring and summer wear, too, and will team up well with separate cotton and linen skirts.

Use Your Perfume With Care



Although perfume is especially nice when you are dressed for a formal occasion, get in the habit of using it every day, too. It gives you a lift!

By HELEN FOLLETT

GLAMOUR is grand and even more convenient and money saver, is to spray neck and shoulders with an atomiser. See that the atomiser is closely stoppered and keep it on a dark shelf. Light and warmth will make your precious aroma do a fade-away in time.

A clever idea is to spray the hem of your frock if you are going to a dance. The scent will waft upward with every movement of your body.

If one must keep a watchful eye on the beauty “outgo, one can find comfort in a good cologne which, because it is not expensive, can be used more freely.

When cologne was first brought on the market, it meant the citrus type of fragrant “water” first created in the city of Cologne, Germany. Now we have what are called “perfume colognes” which distinguish them from the citrus type. Of course they are not as strong as perfumes. They are delightful to use for a friction after the bath.

Let's Eat
 BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN
Mexican-Styled Dinner

JUST as we like variety and colour in our food, we also appreciate variety and change in the dishes in which it is served.

So when, in town the Chef and I visited a Mexican shop. “These open casseroles are very attractive,” he remarked. “I would like that big plain brown pottery casserole; it will make a useful dish for baking, or it can be used for serving soup, a ragout, or even for a salad bowl.”

“Let's go,” he said. “It will also save space in the dish closet because it's really a three-in-one dish.”

Individual Casseroles
 “And I think we should have six or eight of these small individual casseroles,” he went on to the Chef. “They remind me of the casseroles we have in France, only these have little ears on each side, and the French casseroles usually have handles. This smaller size will be nice to use for serving dishes for ragout or thick soup.”

“Are these casseroles really heatproof?” he asked the proprietor. “If, senior, they are even flameproof, you can cook right on top of the stove.”

“Then these small casseroles will be equally good for baking individual foods like spaghetti with cheese,” commented the Chef.

“Space savers, again,” I laughed. “And time and work savers, too; less dish-washing when you cook and serve in the same dish. But see that lovely Mexican glass in two-tones.”

“The very latest style,” the smiling proprietor assured us. “It's Guadalupe and not expensive.” He showed us a handblown pitcher and drinking glasses in smoky white with a purple tinted border. “I just had to have them.” We found a set of glass vinegar and oil cruets, some bread and butter and salad plates, sauce dishes, cups and saucers—all in matching glass.

“We have almost enough to set a whole table,” said the Chef. “Perhaps now that we have gone so far we can complete it with some brown Mexican dinner plates.”

Table Setting
 “Let's get those plates with the interesting white, black and yellow designs,” he said. “Let's set our table setting. I like a set of those attractive woven pluri mats.”

A few days later I set the table in the country with our new Mexican ware. On the dark oak table, between the place mats I laid sprays of woodbine leaves, turned red and gold. In the centre I used a low arrangement of yellow sage.

Trick of the Chef
 For fine flavour, add to the corned meat for frying, ½ tsp. oregano (which is Mexican sage).

Pineapple Cream
 Make up 1 package vanilla pudding according to directions on the package, and half cool. Then into each of 4 good-sized shallow glasses, put 1 tsp. crushed pineapple and 1 tsp. Spoon in the pudding. Top with a little extra pineapple; dust with cinnamon and chill.

Chili-Chopped Beef
 Combine 1 lb. chopped raw beef with cut up, diced pickles, 2 good-sized, sliced peeled onions and 1 peeled section garlic. Then put through the medium-sized blade of the food chopper. Add 1 slice white bread cut in bits and soaked 5 min. in ½ c. hot milk, then mashed together. Stir in 1 unbeaten egg, ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Shape into 4 balls containing 1 tsp. each. Roll in flour and brown in meat fat. Add 1 tsp. minced onion, ½ tsp. minced section garlic, 2 tsp. minced chili pickle and 1 tsp. chili powder mixed with 1½ c. hot water. Cover and simmer 35 min. If necessary, add a little more water.

Mexican Salad Bowl
 Peel and small-dice 2 large cooked potatoes. Add ¼ c. cooked, shredded green beans, 1 tsp. minced onion, ¼ c. thin-sliced cucumber and ¼ a medium-sized head iceberg lettuce, shredded fine. Rub a salad bowl with ¼ section peeled garlic; put in the vegetables. Garnish with thin sliced cooked beef. Serve at once with dressing dressing.

Mustard Dressing Mix ½ c. mayonnaise or salad dressing with 1½ tsp. table mustard, ½ tsp. paprika, ¼ tsp. lemon juice or ¼ tsp. lemon sweet pickles, and salt and pepper to taste.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



PLANE-BOUND PRIZE PACKAGES—Three prize miniature poodles, Peter, Dodo and Jacko, garbed in blue and maroon jackets, wait at London Airport for a plane to America.



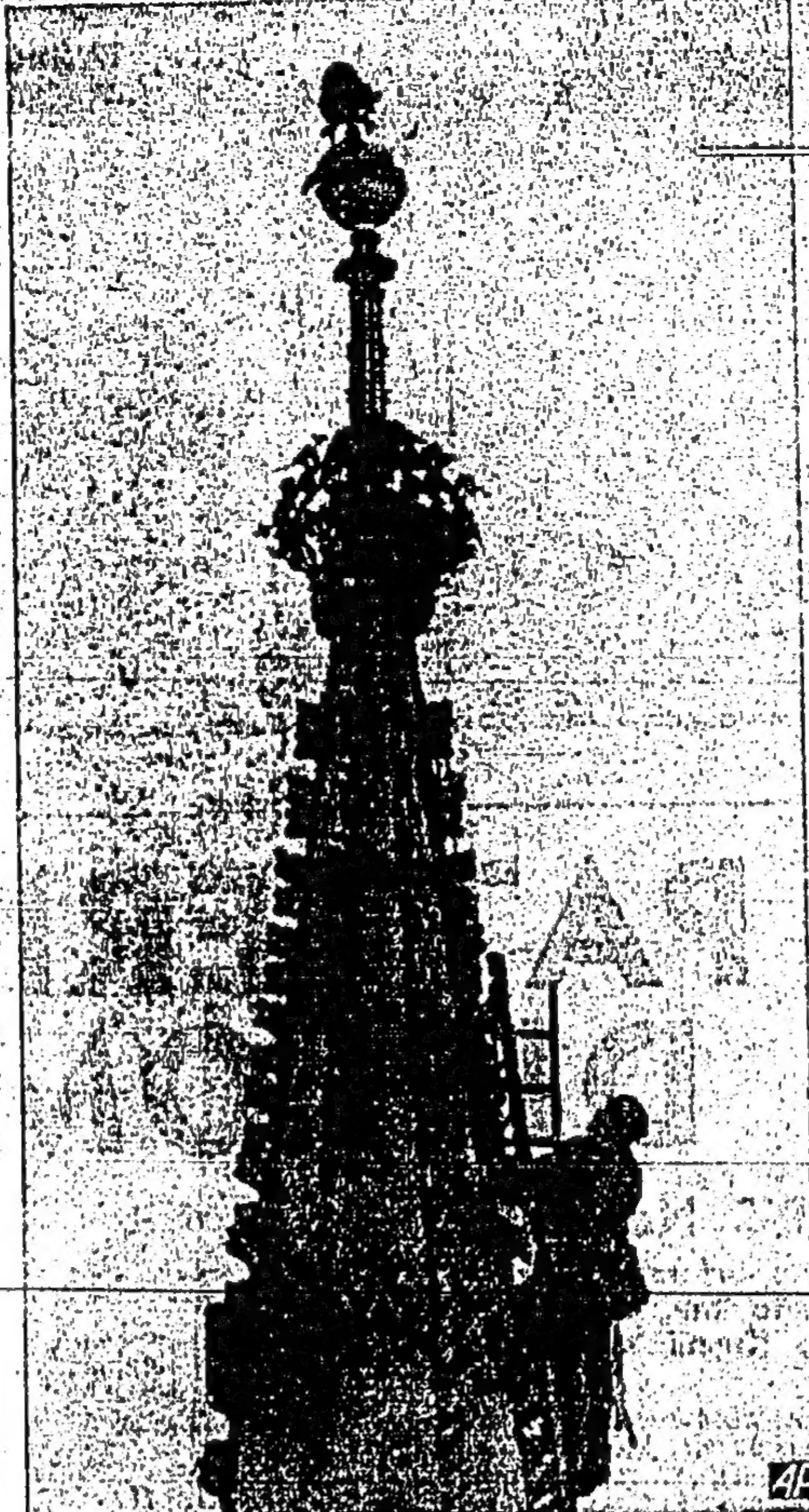
EAST AND WEST MEET—Esther Williams, motion picture star, admires a hair ornament worn by Kinuyo Tanaka, first lady of the Japanese screen, during a luncheon in Hollywood to the Oriental actress, who is on a tour of United States.



RAINY DAY HAT—This felt latticed bonnet, decorated with its own tiny umbrella as a warning against threatening weather, was displayed at a fashion show in London.



VENETIAN LACEMAKER—An old woman works on a table centrepiece in old Byzantine design at Venice's Jusuun School, where some of the famous modern laces are produced.



LONDON SEES HAT TRICK—Steeplejack Sydney Larkin climbs the 310-foot spire of the House of Parliament in London to remove a police helmet discovered at the top.



BEAR OVER BROADWAY—A huge helium-filled bear floats over Broadway, in mid-town New York, during the annual Thanksgiving Day parade, which was watched by thousands of people.



GREEKS WELCOME GRADY—Henry F. Grady, U.S. Ambassador to Greece, is carried shoulder-high by Greeks on his arrival at Salonika for a week-long lecture tour of the town.



IN NAVY POST—John F. Floberg, 34, of Chicago, wartime U.S. Navy gunnery officer, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air by President Truman.



FIRST-FAMILY HAIRDOS—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Miss Margaret Truman, daughter of President and Mrs. Truman, show their new short hairdos as they chat during the Newspaper Women's Club dinner dance at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York.



PORTABLE THEATRE—The Alu-Palast (above) in Hamburg, Germany, is an aluminium portable theatre with a stage measuring 40 by 66 feet and seats for 1,200. The theatre can be assembled in 12 days.



HOPi CRAFTSMAN—Ernest Naquayoum, Hopi Indian silversmith, formerly of Arizona, decorates his hand-made silver jewellery with Indian motifs at a shop in Chicago.



ITALIAN HOUSE HOTEL—This "house hotel" built by Milan has separate sections for men and women. A room here now costs four times more than three years ago.



MOTION PICTURE PIONEER—Ocell B. DeMille (centre) receives the Pioneer of the Year award at the Motion Picture Pioneers' tenth anniversary dinner in New York. Rev. James Keller (left) leader of The Christophers, and Justice Ferdinand Pecora (right) were speakers.



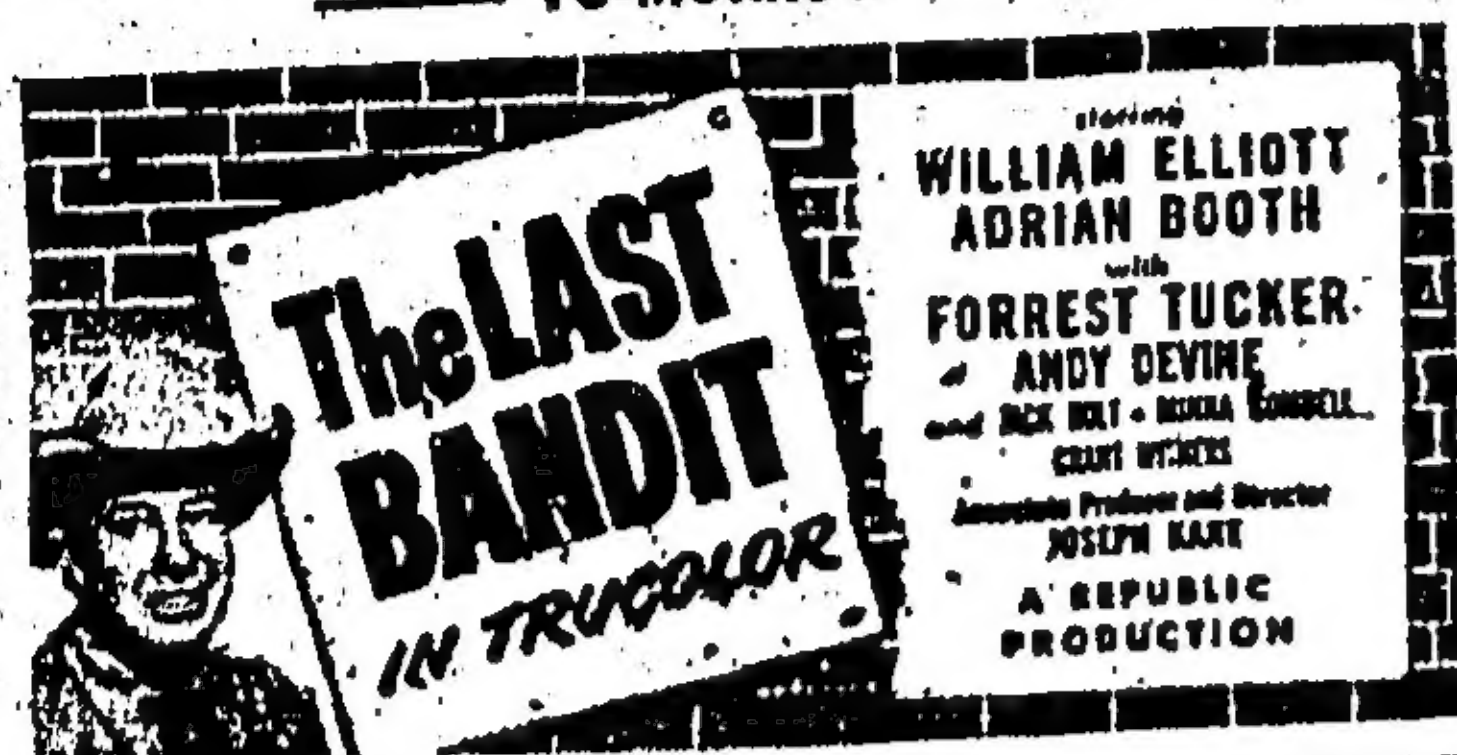
FUR-FARMER—Venille Platt sorts and grades chinchilla pelts after tanning at a fur-breeding farm in Gardena, California, where mink and chinchilla are raised for the market.

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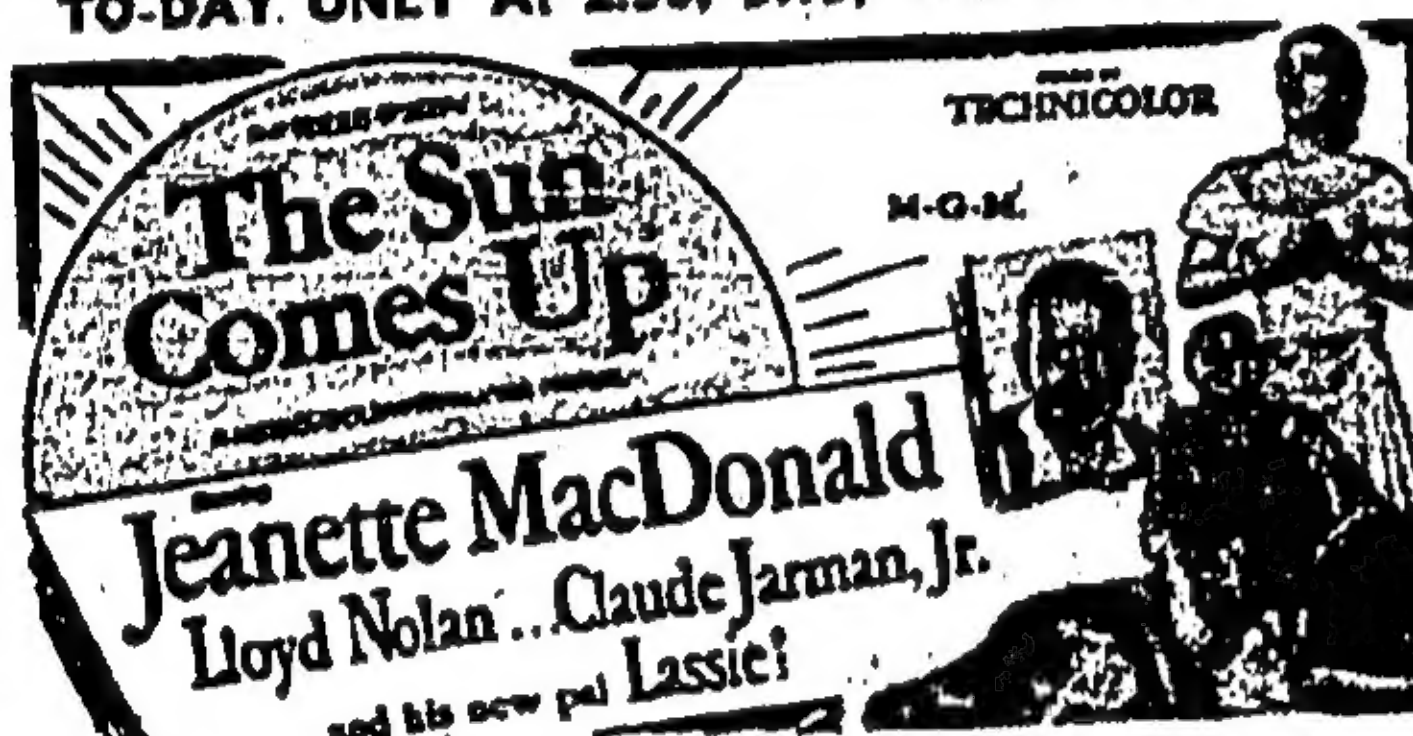
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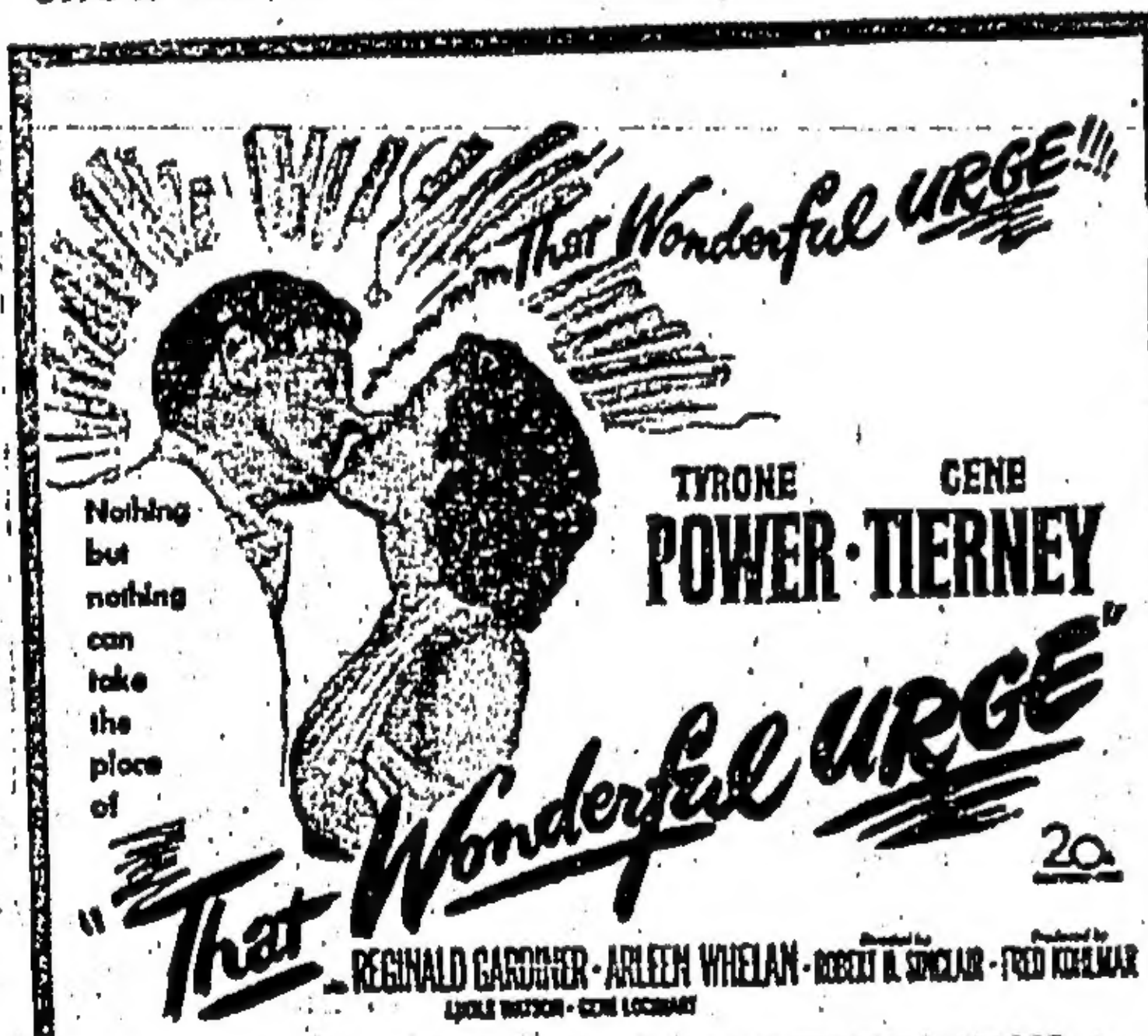
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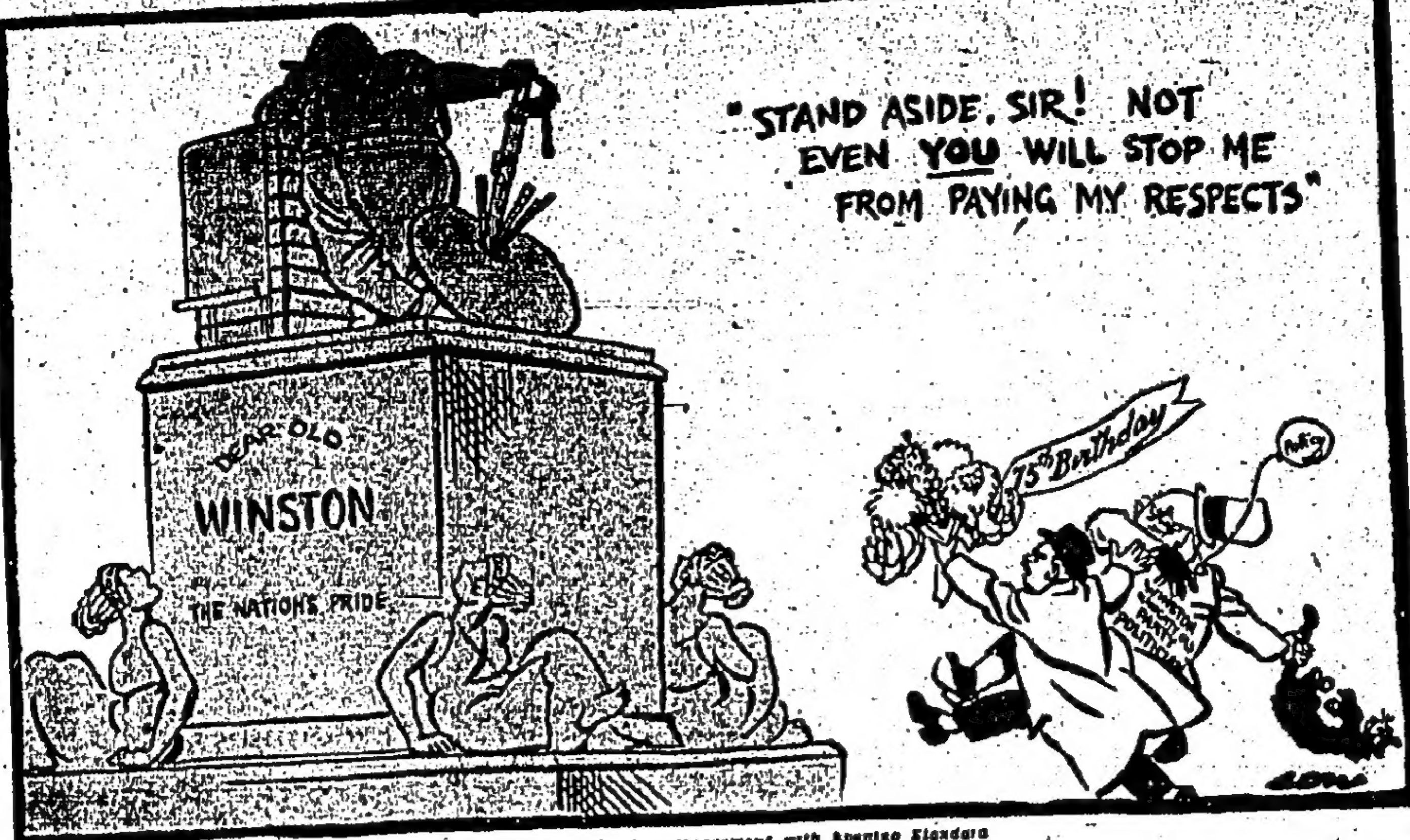
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THE SWEDISH FOOTBALL MATCHES IN HONG KONG



THE PATTERN OF RED DIPLOMACY

SEFTON DELMER'S Newsmap

Examining today three never-before-disclosed incidents which illuminate the pressures and purposes behind the Kremlin's policy.

I SPENT a large part of a week recently with the man most qualified to speak of Nazi Germany's secret, diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union—in the time when they were friends and in the time when they became enemies again.

The man is Dr Peter von Kleist, a German and a former official of Ribbentrop's Foreign Office. He had the diplomatic rank of Minister Extraordinary. To some this fact may prejudice everything he has to say. In my view, however, his unique experience makes him a voice worth hearing.

Dr Kleist was

ONE: The man whom Ribbentrop chose from all his experts on Soviet Russia to make the first delicate contacts with the Russians in 1939. They led to the Soviet-German pact that summer.

TWO: The number one expert who accompanied Ribbentrop to Moscow for the critical negotiations with Stalin in August 1939.

THREE: The German whom the Russians singled out for one of the most amazing moves of their wartime diplomacy.

FOUR: The expert whom the German Institute of Foreign Political Research in Hamburg has selected to make a study of Soviet Foreign Policy.

How they think

KLEIST himself told me of three most revealing incidents in the secret history of Soviet-German relations. They have never been disclosed before. But they throw into sharp relief a complex of motives which any psychologist researching the Politburo mind would almost certainly put at the top of his case-history.

The way I read them these incidents reveal psychological principles as fundamental to Soviet thinking and Soviet policy today as when they took place.

1 IN THE early summer of 1943, soon after the battle of Stalingrad, the Russians, says Kleist, made a tentative approach to the Germans with a view to negotiations for a separate peace. Dr von Kleist was himself the target of that approach.

It was made while he was on a diplomatic mission to Stockholm.

At first glance this Soviet move in the hour of victory seems inexplicable.

Not so, however, when you read, as I have, the explanation given for it by Alexandrov, the Russian intermediary, as it appears in Kleist's notes made at the time.

According to Kleist, Alexandrov said: "The Soviet Union is not willing to fight one day more than absolutely necessary. She does not want to find herself standing exhausted over the body of a defeated and prostrate Germany only to face the gleaming weapons of the Western Powers, unblinded by a single fighting blow."

"Up to now the British and Americans have not uttered a word about their war aims. Rudolf Hess is being treated by the British as an honoured guest. All the fighting against the Germans is left to us Russians."

"There is no second front in France, or any thought of one. The landing in Africa looks more like a flanking move against the Soviet Union than an attack on the Axis."

"The British and Americans appear to be planning a second front in the Balkans. This is highly undesirable."

Kleist bitterly blames Hitler and Ribbentrop for delaying too long and allowing the meeting of Foreign Ministers that autumn to clear the air.

2 THE SECOND incident revealed by Kleist took place at the critical moment in the Moscow conversations between Stalin and Ribbentrop.

Stalin, who was still undecided, suddenly demanded that the Germans should concede the Baltic naval base of Libau, near the East Prussian frontier, as being within the Soviet sphere of influence.

When Ribbentrop—after telephoning to Hitler—came back to the conference room beaming and triumphant to announce the Fuehrer's agreement he expected



Reichswehr during the alliance period," Canaris's service obliged.

Heydrich's party forged documentary evidence implicating Marshal Tukhachevsky and other Soviet officers in forbidden contacts with the Germans. They managed to pass this evidence to Czech agents.

From there, President Benes himself received it and in all good faith passed it on to Stalin.

In June 1937 Tukhachevsky was shot, and with him many of the ablest staff officers of the Soviet Army.

Suspicion of foreigners and of Westerners in particular is stronger today than ever it was, and of supreme psychological importance in the fashioning of Soviet foreign policy.

I have an explanation for it which Dr Kleist will not like.

German eyes

FOR generations all Russia's ideas of the West have come from her western neighbour Germany. Under the Czars, Westerners in the shape of German nobles were given the best land and the mightiest positions in the State.

Russians regarded as typical of all capitalists these Germans who recognised no agreement as binding and knew only the law of their own immediate interest.

Moreover, they looked at Britain and France and the United States through German eyes, read about them in German textbooks which reviled the democratic merchant democracies of the West. Even their Marxist doctrine came from Germany, and with it a false German-made picture of Britain.

To this day I find Soviet propaganda repeating the descriptions and comments on Britain and the British way of life I first read 35 years ago in my primer when I was at school in Germany.

But this German doctrine has done more than make them suspicious. It has given them the idea that however ruthless they are in their political war with the West they are only fighting the West with its own traditional weapons.

To many of us, therefore, the pattern of Soviet diplomacy is an old-fashioned pattern of annexation, exploitation, and oppression. It flatters away the vast potentialities of that modern era of weapons, the international mass appeal of Communist ideology.

TOMORROW:
Is this a symptom?

(London Express Service)

Africa slaughters her big game

NATIVES KILL, CRIPPLE AND ARE PAID TO DO IT

UNTRAINED native hunters armed with ancient and unrelenting guns are leaving such a dreadful trail of maimed and dying animals across British Africa that game in these territories is being killed off — "murdered" would be a fitter word.

These men rarely keep to the code of the White Hunters—indeed the law—that wounded animals must be followed and mercifully killed, whatever the cost.

Vanished species

It seems remarkable, then, that the Government of Southern Rhodesia should continue to issue guns to African natives to add to this indiscriminate slaughter, a slaughter in which, in some areas, many species have disappeared entirely.

In the period 1924-1947, 362,671 wild animals were killed in Southern Rhodesia alone in "hunting fly operations." Last year 22,180 were killed—37 different species from elephant and rhinoceros down to the little duiker. The beautiful island, rapidly becoming extinct, suffered 3,883 casualties.

Without feeling

Natives, paid as official hunters, are killing "irrespective of type, age, sex, or condition." The average African native of the bush has little humane feeling towards animals.

In the Gold Coast I was shooting what was locally called "wild turkey." One of my "boys" shot a monkey, which crashed away through the heavy undergrowth screaming.

He and his comrades collapsed with mirth. When I berated them they were amazed and confused.

In Rhodesia, thousands of head of game are crippled and live out their lives in misery because the native hunters are irresponsible and untrained in the humanities of hunting.

Tsetse blamed

What is the reason for this campaign against the game of Southern Rhodesia?

It is because large areas of land are dominated by the tsetse fly, which transmits sleeping sickness to man (it once killed 200,000 people in eight years in Uganda) and nagana to cattle and game.

It is claimed that wild animals are the great carriers of the fly. But the method of mass slaughter is fiercely condemned.

(London Express Service)

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK. TITLE CHOSEN by Robert Sherwood, New York's most versatile author—Abe Lincoln in Illinois—the musical comedy "Miss Liberty" and the Hopkins White House Diary—for his first act painting was: Lion couchant and worried. Gossip had it that he meant the British lion. Sherwood, a good friend of Britain, ended that gossip with: "Nothing could have been further from my mind. It is the M.G.M. lion."

POLITICS: The Republicans decided to abandon Stateism and Welfare State as campaign ammunition against President Truman and his Democrats. Reason: In by-elections not even Republican voters have been excited by them.

WONDER WHY, a three-year-old English racehorse, sold for 70,000 dollars (\$25,000), was doing just that when it arrived at the docks to take up a new career. It has been bought from Frank Hartigan by the Klieg Brothers, who own one of the top stables in Hollywood. Wonder Why's next stage will be by air.

AMERICAN CARS will all have automatic gear-changing as "standard" by 1952, Detroit announces.

NANCY That Covers It!



By Ernie Bushmiller



Dutch Due To Hand Over To Indonesians At End Of December

By ARNOLD C. BRACKMAN

Batavia, Dec. 11.—At the end of this month the task of restoring law and order in Indonesia will pass from Dutch into Indonesian hands. Informed observers believe the chances of bringing peace back to Indonesia are good.

Greeks To Be Freed

Athens, Dec. 11.—M. Constantinidis, the Greek Minister of Public Order, is expected to order shortly the release of 2,230 people deported to the island of Makronisos during the operations against the Communist guerrillas.

The Athens news agency said today that a Commission had recommended the release after finding a "surprising change of spirit" among them. The freed prisoners are expected to return home by Christmas.—Reuter.

LEON PIGNON REPLIES TO CHOU EN-LAI

Salgon, Dec. 11.—The firm declaration by the French High Commissioner in Indo-China that French troops will oppose any entry by Chinese armed forces is regarded in authoritative circles here as the official reply to the recent note from Mr. Chou En-lai, Communist China's Foreign Minister.

The declaration was made yesterday by M. Leon Pignon, the name of the Governments of France and Vietnam. Chou En-lai's note was addressed to "adjacent countries, in particular France and Vietnam." It said that "Chinese Communist troops would pursue the Nationalist forces even into adjacent states if they took refuge there."

Pignon's declaration said that "in no circumstances will the French and Vietnamese Governments allow Vietnam territory to serve as a refuge for elements liable to affect the security of the frontier regions and good neighbourly relations with adjacent states."

This is regarded not only as a sign of the French desire to avoid all misunderstanding with Communist China but also as a first step towards the future recognition of the Communist government of Mao Tse-tung.—Reuter.

Scripps-Howard Editor Dead

Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—Mr. Edward T. Leach, senior editor of the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, died here today in hospital. He was 57.

Mr. Leach came into prominence recently when following a visit to Britain he wrote a series of anti-Socialist articles in his newspaper, the Pittsburg Press.—Reuter.

Thyssen Works To Celebrate

Duisburg, Dec. 11.—The Management and Works Council of the August Thyssen Steel works here have organised a mass demonstration for December 20 to celebrate the reprieve of the works from dismantling under the recent Petersberg agreement between the Allies and the West German Federal Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

Dr. Adenauer will address the demonstration.—Reuter.



"I ought to be a swell party! They ordered the ice cream and cake before 'Pals' Kelsey came down with the mumps."

They Are Pals



This kitten and the pigeon have become buddies at the Dog Pound at Clifton, New Jersey. The kitten is a newcomer. The pigeon, brought in by Dog Warden Tommy Stefano several weeks ago with a broken wing, has made itself friendly with all the cats by a simple method: the pigeon picks fleas out of the cats' fur. (AP Photo).

Influence Of Small Nations In World Councils Stressed

Flushing Meadow, Dec. 11.—Sir Benegal Rau, head of the Indian delegation to the United Nations, said here tonight that the power of the small nations in the world body had prevented the independence of Libya being delayed for 10 years.

MIDDLE ROAD FOR BURMA ADVOCATED

Rangoon, Dec. 11.—The Premier of Burma, Thakin Nu, said in a speech in Rangoon today that long years of foreign domination was the root cause of Burma's troubles.

The years of serfdom, he said, had contributed to the country's degeneration, rendering the Burmese incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong.

He warned there would be serious repercussions inside Burma unless a future foreign relations were carefully conducted. It would be best and safest for Burma not to ally herself with any power bloc, whether Communist or anti-Communist, he said. He advocated a policy of friendship with all countries respecting Burma's sovereignty and working with the Burmese for mutual benefit.

He added that peace throughout Burma was a prerequisite for the creation of a separate State for the Karen people. The Government has accepted in principle the creation of such a State.

The speech was made at the laying of a foundation stone for a peace monument near the sacred Buddhist shrine at Shwedagon Pagoda.—Associated Press.

Japanese Steel For Australia

Perth, Western Australia, Dec. 11.—A cargo of 2,693 tons of Japanese steel arrived here today in the 7,930-ton freighter, Belstar, of London, the first vessel chartered to bring steel from Japan since the war.—Reuter.

Shah Arrives In San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The Shah of Persia has arrived here with a party of seven and has announced that he means to live "as a private citizen" for several days.

His schedule here is uncertain, but his first firm engagement is with General Dwight Eisenhower in New York on December 19.

The uncertainty of his plans here and his departure time for New York are due to his desire not to be bound by formal obligations, one of his aides said.

The Shah was greeted at the airport by about 25 Persian residents. During a brief, informal press conference, he said that he had come to San Francisco because he had heard of the beauty of the city and he now saw characteristics which confirmed that reputation.

Explaining his desire to be treated as an ordinary citizen, the Shah said: "I feel that unless I am free to go into the city and see the beauty of the city, and to see the people, I cannot go back with the real face of your country in my heart."

Japanese Now Said Healthier

Tokyo, Dec. 11.—General MacArthur's fight against disease and unrest in Japan has achieved one of the few uncontroversial victories of the Occupation—today the Japanese have the lowest death rate in their history.

Even the Communists have not denied that, through an overall programme begun and supervised by SCAP's Public Health and Welfare Section, the average Japanese is healthier four years after a disastrous war than he was before it began.

A report of the Occupation's mission in the public health and welfare fields reveals that the death rate in Japan is now down to 12 per 1,000 annually, a figure that compares favourably with that in Western countries.

SHARP DROP
It represents a sharp drop from 29.2 per 1,000 which prevailed in 1945, and is below the 18.5 average death rate for the period between 1938 and 1945.

But the Public Health and Welfare Section report warns that the largest part of the problem lies ahead.

"That problem is one of advice, guidance and training. It involves, in some of the professions, bridging a gap of 20 to 30 years in professional knowledge."

"Until such time as an adequate number of Japanese can be well trained in modern knowledge in the fields of health and welfare, so that the Japanese health and welfare programme may stand on its own feet, there is danger of relaxation of control, with a resulting widespread outbreak of disease, followed by the inevitable fear and unrest which accompany such outbreaks."

LOWEST EBB
The report summarises the SCAP-directed drives against typhus, typhoid, small-pox and other epidemics when took place immediately after the surrender.

It also outlines measures taken to curb so-called "normal" disease, such as tuberculosis, which in Japan still has one of the highest fatality rates.

"Disease is seldom eradicated," the report concludes. "It is only controlled."—United Press.

ECA CHIEFS TO CONFER

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—The chiefs of the three Economic Co-operation Administration Missions will confer here on Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. Milton Katz, deputy to Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan special representative in Europe.

Other senior officials of Mr. Harriman's staff will take part in the discussions, which will "cover problems common to the three Missions, and provide an opportunity for general consultation," the ECA Mission here announced.—Reuter.

\$50,000,000 On Christmas Trees

Washington, Dec. 11.—Americans will spend \$50,000,000 on about 21,500,000 Christmas trees within the next two weeks, Government sources estimated today.—Reuter.

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